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Very proudly, the Times - Virginian today presents its annual Christmas Greeting issue. Messages of season greeting will be found from your business friends.

A considerable volume of extra work is involved when a paper with limited personnel attempts an issue twice its normal size. We have tried to make today's issue equal to the occasion.

A WORD OF THANKS

At Christmas and at Year's end there are so many to whom one feels indebtedness. It is useless for the Times-Virginian to even try to name each and every one who has contributed to the success of our 59th year of publication, now drawing to a close. We think them en masse.

But we must single out for special thanks OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

The Home Town Weekly has a very special assignment in the realm of journalism. By and large, our columns are dedicated to covering "home town news." And the foundation for such news is the weekly news letter sent in by rural correspondents. We think that our paper has some of the best. And one thing we are proud of is that we have many who have written year after year. It is a veteran staff of rural writers and their letters are the most important feature of the paper.

We think our subscribers will join wholeheartedly in this word of appreciation. Home county news is the principal reason so many people subscribe to this paper and send in their renewals year after year.

One of our hopes for 1952 is to enlarge the number of rural news letters. All we hope is that we can find a few more correspondents of the loyalty and faithfulness of those who have written so well in 1951.

COAL CROSSES THE SEAS

(Selected)

During October, nearly 4,000,000 tons of coal were shipped out through the Hampton Roads seaport This was the largest flow of coal ever to move in tast period of time from an American port in either peace or war.

Some of the coal went to cities along the Atlantic Seaboard. But most of it sailed overseas to feed the coal-starved industries of England and Western Europe.

This is symbolic of the present condition of the world. The foreign coal industries are either owned outright by the state or totally controlled and regimented by the state. They have not been able to produce enough coal to meet their needs and their reconstruction programs have tottered as a result. Even countries which once were major coal exporters, such as Poland, must now seek supplies elsewhere.

There is only one source to which these countries can turn—and that source is the United States. Ond own coal consumption is running at extremely high levels. Yet our mines have filled every export demand for which shipping has been made available. And their capacity has not been roached by any means. The industry can mine, process, transport and deliver to consumers much more coal when the need arises.

It is not an accident that this achievement has been made in a free, competitive economy. It could not have been made in any other kind of economy.

"MORAL DECAY WITHIN"

(Selected)

Each year the Roman Catholic cardinals, archbishops and bishops of the United States issue a message. This year's message, signed by a 13-man administrative board, is of unusual significance.

It begins: "An alarming parallel exists between the situation facing us today and that which faced the Roman Empire 1500 years ago. The problems of the empire closely resemble those which sorely test us now—barbarism on the outside, refined materialism and moral decay within. The Roman Empire disintegrated from within, and moral corruption was the main cause. The same fate will befall us if we do not awake to the danger."

The Catholic spokesmen then touched on political corruption and immorality, saying, "In politics, the principle that 'anything goes' simply because people are thought not to expect any high degree of honor in politicians is grossly wrong.—Those who are selected for office by their fellow men are entrusted with grave responsibilities. They have been selected not for self-enrichment but for conscientious public service — One and the same standard covers stealing from the cash register and dishonest gain derived from public office."

Regardless of one's religious beliefs and affiliations, every American should be in thorough agreement with this view. Moral decay can destroy peoples and governments as surely as the most terrible wars and the mos barbaric revolutions. The disclosures which so far have been made of corruption in our own governments, national, state and local, must have shocked and disgusted every citizen with any concept of honor and decency. Here is a case where the sternest kind of corrective is needed.

TOOLS NEEDED

(Selected)

Given the tools, the American oil industry will continue to find and produce great quantities of oil from our domestic fields to held meet expanding world needs. That assurance was recently given by the top executive of a major oil company.

Present world oil consumption of 11,000,000 barrels a day is more than double the demand of only 12 years ago. During the past 30 years, the use of energy in the United States has been growing twice as fast as the population. In each of the past two years, the increase in domestic use of oil was more than the output of the entire state of Oklahoma, which is one of the major producers. And demand, here and abroad, is still rising.

The point is that we in America and our friends everywhere have a virtually insatiable appetite for oil—and oil is a "must" item in building any country's economic and military strength and security. More and more must be drawn from the ground, refined, transported, stored and marketed. That means that the oil industry, if it is to do what is expected of it, must be able to obtain the materials needed for building new and larger facilities of all kinds. It is true that the expanding arms program has made it necessary to allocate certain materials, notably steel. No one doubts the importance of the military requirements. At the same time, a proper balance must be maintained. All the arms in the world would be of small value if our vital industries were unable to get the necessary tools to do their jobs. Materials allocation calls for great wisdom and foresight on the part of the responsible officials.

From: New Martinsville, W. Va., Republican—"Politicans have strained their ingenuity to discover new sources of public revenue. They have doubled the indirect taxes, such as customs due on imports and exports. They rave continued the extraordinary taxes of wartime into peacetimes. They have broadened perilously the field of the income taxes as well as the property tax. The foregiong was said not last month when our income taxes increased but more than 2,300 years ago by Socrates, an Athenian orator. And just a few years after the speech was made mighty Athens fell like an overripe apple."

From Morris, Minn., Sup—"There may be or may have been a better method of meeting the problem of the communist menace, but that better method can never be found until we face the stark reality that communism is absorbing peoples and territory more rapidly than any conqueror in history."

Appomattox post office will be open from 2:00 to 4:00 P. M. next Sunday afternoon.

Vice-president Alben Barkley returns from extended stay in Korea.

Norfolk city manager resigns to accept post in San Antonio.

Allies lose three planes to ground fire.

U. S. - British amity outlook is seen as darker.

U. S. soon to end curbs on rubber.

NEW HOPE SEEN FOR NEMATODE CONTROL IN TOBACCO

Renewed hope for flue-cured tobacco growers who have been plagued the past several years by the root knot nematode is seen in the results of demonstrations set up the past season.

S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at VPI, says the demonstrations were conducted in Pittsylvania, Halifax, Mecklenburg and Brunswick Counties, using two of the recommended soil fumigants. Fenne says an inspection of the plots showed an obvious difference between the treated and untreated areas.

One cooperating farmer, R. A. Raney, of Brunswick, reports that he sold 1,697 pounds of tobacco from a treated acre at $58.90 per hundred pounds; while the average acre yield on the untreated field was 1,553 pounds which brought only $54.90 per hundred pounds. Subtract $40—the commercial rate for applying the fumigant — and Raney still had $106.93 per acre profit by using the famuigant fo the control of root knot. The fumigant was Dowfume W-40. The variety was Dixie Bright 102.

Another demonstration conducted by W. R. Lambert in Mecklenburg County showed even more striking results. The area treated with another fumigant, DD, applied in the row, yielded 1,620 pounds per acre with an acre value of $955.20. Where the fumigant was broadcast the area yielded 1,725 pounds of tobacco at a value of $1,018.34. The untreated acre yielded 1,380 pounds at a value of $772.80. Thus, the broadcast treatment resulted in a 346-pound increase in yield and $245.54 increase in value. Allowing $40 as the commercial rate for applying DD, it leaves a net $205.54 profit as a result of use of the fumigant.

Experimental work being conducted backs up these eports, Fenne says.

NURSERYMEN'S SHORT COURSE TO BE CONDUCTED AT VPI

A short course, featuring intensive training in landscaping, will be offered Virginia nurserymen January 7-18 at VPI.

A. G. Smith, Jr., associate horticulturist at the college, says emphasis during the first part of the course will be on landscape design, drafting, sketching, and the study of plant material. There will be a section for beginners and one for advanced students.

The second part of the short course will be a "nursery forum," and will feature a program of general interest. The forum is being prepared especially for nurserymen who cannot take the time to attend the full short course. The forum is scheduled for the last two days of the short course, January 17 and 18.

The short course is open to Virginia nurserymen and their employees. Smith says experienced workers and beginners will find the course beneficial as individual problems will be assigned. Registration for the entire course is $10 per person. Registration for the two-day forum is $2 per person. Applications will be accepted in the order received.

NEW TOBACCO WAREHOUSE OPEN

Sun-cured tobacco growers are making good use of the new auction warehouse on the Atlantic Rural Exposition grounds in Richmond, say marketing specialists at V. P. I.

The warehouse, built largely from the revenue of stock bought by tobacco growers, opened for business November 27, and in its first week's sales handled 186,022 pounds of type 37 tobacco at an average of $35.43 per 100 pounds. The specialists say the tobacco sold thus far is of good average quality, and that the even lighting in the warehouse shows the crop to good advantage. The crop is selling for two to three cents a pound more than the

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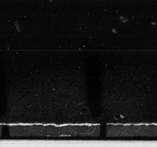

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Bible Lessons for Christian Living

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

SCRIPTURE: Luke 1:5, 8-38
DEVOTIONAL READING: Luke 1:46-55

Christ Is the Answer

Lesson for December 23, 1951

EVERYONE is acquainted with Jesus the baby. The Christmas festival makes that certain. We know that the lot of babies in all Christian lands today is better because of Jesus the child. His coming hallowed childhood and motherhood for all time. But Jesus did not stay a baby. He was born not chiefly in order to be cuddled in a mother's arms. He was born to be a King; he was born to grow, to teach, to command, to save. Where is the festival that presents him King of Kings and Lord of Lords? There are such, but they never had the popularity of Christmas.

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Bethlehem Was a Beginning

IN innumerable pictures and statues the mother of Christ looms large, the baby small. In the Bible it is the other way around. The interest of the Bible is not centered at Bethlehem, important as that place was in the history of the world. The songs which only Luke has saved for us all point far beyond the manger-child.

Bethlehem marked the great moment, to be sure, the miracle of miracles when God became man. But that was the beginning, only the beginning. Two of the Gospels fail to mention the first Christmas at all. The two that do mention Jesus' childhood leave it after a few short paragraphs.

If anything is certain about what the writers of the New Testament thought, it is certain that when they thought of Jesus Christ, they seldom, if ever thought of him as a baby. The little Jesus is a helpless child, depending on the care of his mother. He is sweet and appealing, and every one loves him . . . But he only lies there perpetually smiling, like babies, but we have our grown-up affairs to attend to. We think babies are "cute", but we make no orders from, we do not try to be like them. We cuddle them and talk baby-talk to them, but when we get ready to talk sense, when we are in any kind of trouble, when we need some one to tell us what to do, we never talk to babies.

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The Power of God

SO if Christ is to mean to us all of what he should, it is time we got into the Bible's way of looking at him. He is called the "fulfillment of prophecy". What does that mean? The great prophets looked forward to a coming king, a "Messiah"; he must begin life as a child, because he would be a human being, not an angel.

If our thinking stops with the babe in the manger, we shall never realize the tremendous truth about Jesus. Consider the words that Isaiah used (Isa. 9:6, 7): "Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." These are grown-up words, more than grown-up. They point to something super-human, something coming into this world. The Bible puts it "from above"!

The Christ of the Prophets is a person who will "rule the nations". The Christ of the apostles is likewise no child. He is the man sent from heaven; he is the "power of God and the wisdom of God" (1 Cor. 1:24). He is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

A baby lets us do as we please; not the Lord of Lords. He chalenges the world—from a throne, not a cradle. What he thinks, we desperately must know. What his will is, we must learn or perish. If the world is going to pieces today it is because we think no more of Jesus than of any other picturesque baby.

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The Christ Who Commands

It is said often, as a kind of slogan, that "Christ is the answer". If that means anything true, and it does, it means that the ways of the world are right ways only when they are the ways of Jesus. Thinking, planning, acting—personal and social living both—it is either as Jesus would have it or it is headed for a crash.

This is not to say that the commands of Christ are arbitrary, just because . . ." Faith in him is the gateway to life, following him is life.

A sentimental show as we pass the manger at Bethlehem is not what christianity means. It means more as Paul did: Lord, what wilt thou have me to do? A Christ who can be patronized or pitied is no Savior; the only answer is the Christ who commands.

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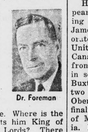

Dr. Foreman

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE ANNOUNCED AT WILLIAMSBURG

Williamsburg, Va., Dec. 19.- Helen Boatwright, widely-known concert soprano, will be the featured soloist, at the two special Christmas candlelight concerts held on successive Friday evenings during the traditional Yuletide season in this restored city.

The two special concerts will be held on Friday evening, December 21, and Friday, December 28, beginning at 8:45 at the Palace which will be specially decorated for the holiday season. The concert will be under the direction of Conductor Gary McMurran with members of the Peninsula Orchestra in 18th century attire.

Helen Boatwright, who has appeared on the concert stage in leading roles opposite Mario Lanza and James Pease and sings in concerts, auditoria and operas throughout the United States and in Mexico and Canada, will be heard in selections from Handel's "The Messiah" and in selections from the works of Buxtehude, Taylor and Denke at the two Palace concerts. She studied at Oberlin Conservatory and was a finalist in the National Federation of Music Clubs contest in California. Her husband, Howard Boatwright, of Virginia, is a member of the music faculty of Yale University.

The two concerts are part of the special activities presented for townspeople and visitors in this restored city during the Christmas holidays recalling the traditions of two centuries ago. Before and after the concert the first floor rooms of the Palace will be open and candlelighted for inspection by the concert-goers with special Christmas decorations by Louise B. Farrar, Creator of Flower Arrangements for Colonial Williamsburg. Similar concerts are given weekly on Thursday evenings during the spring and fall seasons here.

MOUSE ACTIVITY INCREASES IN VA. FRUIT ORCHARDS

Cold weather has increased the danger of mouse damage to Virginia orchards.

A. H. Teske, horticulturist at V. P. I., says the mice have been driven underground, where food supply is inadequate, so tree-damage is more likely.

Here are his suggestions for coping with the situation:

Put out poisoned bait on the first warm sunshiny day. Use freshly cut apple squares, 1-2 inch thick by 1 1-4 inches long, treated with zinc phosphide.

Distribute the poisoned bait immediately in active runway, feeding plecas, or breather holes. Without disturbing the runway, etc., put in one or two pieces of poison-treated apple bait.

Make from three to four placings per tree. Avoid unnecessary trampling around the tree in making bait placement.

Prepare only as much mait as can be distributed in one day.

If Santa Misses, Reindeer Supply Will Be at Fault

If Santa Claus misses some youngsters this year, it could be offered plausibly that he was not able to round up enough reindeer for his yearly trip around the globe.

The reindeer shortage has become, in recent years, much too acute. It has been estimated that wolves have destroyed 500,000 of Santa's helpers within the last decade or so, leaving an approximate 50,000.

The difficulty of keeping the animals alive in a temperate climate makes it unlikely that any of the few remaining will be transported

from their native regions to other lands for the holiday season, as has been done in the past.

American boys and girls will have to be satisfied with stand-ins. The few department stores featuring Santa's complete outfit this year will be using native deer as substitute for Dasher, Prancer, and company.

Bloodmobile gets 154 pints of blood in visit to Martinsville.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By A. C. Lawson, Pastor
Little River Baptist Church
Buckner, Virginia

"Our gracious Heavenly Father, as we come to Thee this blessed season of the year, our hearts rejoice with peace, love and hope. As we think of Thy goodness toward us, we have in our souls joy unspeakable and glory ineffable.

"We thank Thee for the fulfillment of prophecy, for Joseph and Mary, who were instruments used by Thee in bringing this to pass, for our eternal good and Thy glory, for the humble shepherds that watched their flocks by night, and were honored in adoring with the wise men the infant Christ.

"We thank Thee for the Christmas spirit that makes all the world akin, as the songs of Christmas waft their way on the wings of the wind over the cold earth blanketed with the snow from heaven; for the stars above that greeted our Saviour's birth in the long ago; for the angelic choir that sang in unearthly sweetness the song of peace and good will to all the world. 'Glory to God in the highest, peace on earth, good will to all mankind.'

"Dear Lord, may we observe this Christmas season rightly by sharing temporally and spiritually with others that are more unfortunate than ourselves, remembering the words of The Lord Jesus, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

"May we instill and drink into our souls the atmosphere of heaven by reconsecrating ourselves anew to the service of our Lord and Saviour.

"In Thy Holy name we ask these favors. Amen."

BUY BONDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A suggestion for a Christmas gift "at once patriotic and practical, that grows in value through the years and is a better buy today than it was last Christmas" was made today by the U. S. Defense Bonds Committee.

"That is the Series E Defense Bond," they explained. "These bonds have been popular as Christmas gifts since they were first issued in 1941. Within the past year, the life of all E Bonds, whether issued in the past or to be issued in the future, has been extended for an additional ten years beyond the original ten year maturity period. The owner simply holds onto the bonds and they continue to grow in cash value each six months up to the twentieth year.

"In other words, each $18.75 invested in an E Bond of $25 face value will return $33.33 at the end of 20 years; $37.50 put into a $50 bond will grow to $66.67; $75 invested in a $100 bond will bring back $133.33—and so on through the $200, $500 and $1,000 denominations of E Bonds.

"The new twenty-year life of the E Bond makes it especially attractive as a gift for a new baby, who will be of college age twenty years from now, or for children who will then be starting out in life for themselves."

CHRISTMAS GIFT FOR NAVAL RESERVE

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.- There's an unexpected Christmas gift for members of the Naval Reserve in the three lowest pay grades who had been ordered to report for active duty between December 19 and January 2.

The Navy Department, said Rear Admiral Ralph O. Davis, USN, Commandant of the Fifth Naval District, has authorized a delay in reporting for seaman recruits (SR), seaman apprentices (SA), and seamen (SN) or equivalent rates, so that they may spend the holiday season at home. They do not have to report until January 9—compliments of the Navy. All of which helps to prove that there really is a Santa Claus.

POST OFFICE WAS BUSY SUNDAY AFTERNOON

The local Post Office did a brisk business last Sunday afternoon. The office windows were open between the hours of 2:00 and 4:00, as a special Christmas service to patrons. Three clerks were kept busy for the two hours, mailing and delivering packages and selling stamps. Rural carriers also put in the time sorting out incoming mail for their Monday rounds.

Handling of greeting cards seemed a wee bit later than usual reaching a flood tide here this season, but came into its traditional volume this week.

The Post Office windows will open again this coming Sunday, from 2:00 until 4:00.

Japanese boys show a preference for military toys.

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